Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

WHEREAS, This nation is kept strong and free by the loyal citizens who preserve our precious freedom heritage through their positive patriotic declarations and action; and,

WHEREAS, All loyal citizens should make it their duty to inspire complete patriotism among all our peoples; and,

WHEREAS, We urgently need a vigorous display of true red, white and blue Americanism, thus convincing friends and enemies alike that our nation is firmly united for self-preservation:

***NOW, THEREFORE*, I, M. Michael Rounds**, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2005, as

LOYALTY DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge every individual, school, church, organization, business establishment and household to reaffirm publicly their strong allegiance to our flag and country, through active participation in patriotic programs being sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary, and others, on Loyalty Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State